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You Are Invited…

The Teacher Mentors and Coaches Trainer Institute, sponsored by the OPI, is an institute that will provide professional development to teacher leaders and other education personnel interested in providing professional development to districts or schools that are in the process of developing or have developed a teacher mentor program. In addition, Curriculum Coaches will gain considerable knowledge on applying coaching strategies.

Districts that have developed teacher mentor programs in Montana consistently report that providing high-quality training to the mentors is a challenge. This institute will provide a curriculum model for mentor training that can also be used in working with curriculum coaches.

The institute will utilize the Mentoring Matters curriculum developed by Laura Lipton, PhD. Learning outcomes for the institute include:
- Greater understanding of mentoring concepts;
- Ability to extend and consolidate the tools and techniques of skillful mentoring;
- Expanding the learner's repertoire of strategies for navigating between coaching, consulting and collaborating with protégé's; and
- Develop strategies that support the implementation of the Mentoring Matters curriculum.

The institute will take place in Helena, from July 24-27, 2007. The institute is free to individuals who commit to providing mentoring or coaching services to local schools or districts over the next two years. Lodging, mileage and per diem must be paid for by a sponsoring organization.

Participants will be able to receive 22 renewal units. In addition, two graduate credits from the University of Montana may be available for an additional cost. The credit work will be completed during the fall semester.

If you would like to be a part of this great opportunity, contact Nikki Sandve at (406) 444-0299 or e-mail at nsandve@mt.gov.

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